



Heritage
Area Agency on Aging
Cedar County Task Force
August 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Shari Slaton, Karen LaFrenz, Shirley Gaedelmann, Vera Stokes, Dionne Daedlow, Deb Helmold

Excused: Evans Waller

Staff: Harrison March

Meeting called to order at 12:33 p.m.

Review of June 2020 Meeting Minutes

No amendments to the meeting minutes were proposed. Shari Slaton entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Deb Helmold first, Shirley Gaedelmann second. Motion passed unanimously.

Shari noted that within the June 2020 minutes the Task Force planned to discuss a date for September 2020's meeting. The first Monday of September is Labor Day, so many members will be unavailable. Shari asked if the day following Labor Day, Sept. 8, would work for those present. All present indicated it would, so the September meeting will be held Tuesday the 8th.

Community Updates

Shirley attended meetings for Heritage's Advisory Council, Caregiver Focus Group and LifeLong Links Focus Group. Harrison March presented information about Heritage's website in the LifeLong Links meeting. Shirley said she always makes sure to mention in meetings how Cedar County is doing and how the community is rallying to support one another. For example, volunteer transportation services are almost back to full capacity and senior dining has even picked up a little in terms of daily participants. The LifeLong Links Focus Group also got to meet Barb Werning, Heritage's new Executive Director.

Shirley asked Harrison to cover what he shared about the website in the LifeLong Links meeting. Harrison explained that Heritage's new website was a big project on the to-do list from the day he started last summer, and this Focus Group was a driving force behind it. In mid-July the new website became about one-quarter old in terms of the Fiscal Year, so Harrison used that benchmark to share data with the Focus Group. Heritage is still learning what 'baseline' should be expected over the course of a full year.

Shari shared that Prairie Hills is still on the same visitor restrictions as before. The only in-person visits are outdoors and must be scheduled in advance. Data trends within the county will determine their next steps. Overall, residents and staff are healthy.

Shirley added that the senior living facility in Clarence also has outdoor visits limited to one person at a time. They are following county recommendations on screening visitors and sanitizing.

Heritage Operations Update

Harrison shared that Heritage offices are open to staff beginning today for the first time since March. Offices are not yet open the public. Some staff (Harrison included) are continuing to work from home, but those who wish to work in the office are now able to do so.

Barb Werning started as Executive Director since the last Task Force meeting. With anyone new to the aging network, there is a big learning curve from learning the programs/services to meeting people in the network/around the state and beyond. She's tackling that all head-on and hopes to attend Task Force meetings in each county in the coming months.



FY2021 Goals and Focuses

Harrison asked members if there are certain concerns or topics they would like to focus on during FY2021. He prefers to focus on topics that interest the Task Force members and provide support from Heritage when/where possible.

Shirley noted two topics: sharing information on local farmers' markets and promoting Heritage services that help older adults stay in their homes when some care facilities are experiencing outbreaks.

Harrison said if other ideas come up, members can always call or email him to get in touch.

Open Agenda

Dionne Daedlow said ISU Extension & Outreach is holding most programs via Zoom. There are some classes face-to-face, but participants are limited to accommodate social distancing and everyone must wear masks.

Vera Stokes added that she has one more "Stay Independent" class from the ISU Extension & Outreach series. Would this class be something participants would like to hold via Zoom?

Shirley said she didn't want to sound like a downer, but that waiting to hold it in-person would be better for participation. Karen LaFrenz noted that many of the dining center's participants are either unable to access Zoom or simply aren't familiar with using it. With that feedback in mind, Vera said she'll hold off on hosting the final installment until it can be in-person.

Next Meeting

The next Task Force on Aging meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 12:30 p.m.¹ via Zoom/conference call.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Submitted By

Harrison March
August 3, 2020

1. Per review during 9/8/2020 meeting, corrected from stating "1 p.m."



Heritage
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Cedar County Task Force
September 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Shari Slaton, Deb Helmold, Donna Luepker

Excused: Karen LaFrenz

Staff: Harrison March

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Review of August 2020 Meeting Minutes

Shari Slaton noted that under “Next Meeting” the start time stated was 1 p.m., but should say 12:30 p.m. Harrison will make this correction and note it in the amended minutes.

Without a quorum present, no motion was made to approve the minutes as amended. Motion for approval is delayed to the next meeting.

Task Force Officers Update

Shari announced that Darlene Elgin, Task Force Chair, is stepping down due to health concerns. As Vice Chair, Shari can serve as Chair until a new Chair is elected or can assume the role of Chair while a new Vice Chair is elected. Deb Helmold and Donna Luepker both voiced positive reviews for Shari’s job chairing the last couple of meetings.

The Task Force will need to consider and elect a Vice Chair when a quorum is present. Deb and Donna both declined consideration for the position.

Community and Heritage AAA updates

Harrison provided an update on Heritage AAA operations: since the last meeting, much focus has been on derecho response, wellness checks on consumers and other older adults, and connecting consumers with recovery resources. Volunteers have also assisted with wellness checks and delivering food supplies. These response efforts are in addition to regular COVID-19 operations.

Shari provided an update from Advisory Council: as a newly-elected member, she’s still getting to know people on the council. In the last meeting they elected officers and discussed the call to action from the derecho: what response efforts worked well, what didn’t, etc.

FY2020 Service Data

Referencing the data spreadsheet he included in the meeting reminder, Harrison reviewed the FY2020 service data for Cedar County and the entire HAAA region. The purpose is two-fold: 1) for the sake of transparency and showing Task Force members what’s happening in the county and 2) in hopes of helping guide ideas for outreach and awareness. For example, if a certain service has lower delivery than expected based on Cedar County’s population, it may be of interest to the members to promote that service.

Shari noted that seeing nutrition services and transportation services with high numbers was encouraging. Many rural counties across the country struggle with access to those types of services, but they’re well represented here. Prairie Hills also uses local transportation services for residents who need help getting to appointments, etc.

With no big questions or concerns at this time, Shari suggested bringing this data back to the next meeting when hopefully more members are present. This could lead to more discussion and ideas. Shari may be able to reach out to some members to encourage attendance and Harrison can make some phone calls to remind members as well.

**Open Agenda**

All members present live in Lowden, which they said is doing well overall. Shari shared that her home is OK, but her farm sustained some damage. Harrison noted that HAAA has learned of several volunteer groups, so if Shari needs any leads she can contact Harrison to see if any of those groups could be of help.

Next Meeting

The next Task Force on Aging meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 5 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom/conference call.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:51 p.m.

Submitted By

Harrison March
September 9, 2020



Heritage
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Cedar County Task Force
October 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Evans Waller, Karen LaFrenz, Deb Helmod, Shari Slaton, Fay Wulf, Shirley Geadelmann, Donna Luepker, Vera Stokes, Dionne Daedlow
Staff: Harrison March, Barbara Werning

Meeting called to order at 12:33 p.m.

Harrison March shared attendance for the meeting for those on the phone. Shari Slaton asked if Barbara Werning would like to introduce herself. Barbara said she's just starting month number 4 on the job, but with all that's occurred between COVID-19 and the derecho there have been some very unusual circumstances. Emergency response took precedent over some of the 'getting up to speed,' but those efforts are ongoing. This is her third stint as a non-profit Executive Director and has been very impressed with the Heritage staff and network of support the agency has through the likes of Task Forces, Focus Groups, the Board, etc.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Shari asked for comment on the meeting minutes from August and September 2020. Shirley Geadelmann motioned to approve both. Evans Waller second. Motion passed unanimously.

Community and Heritage AAA updates

Harrison shared a Heritage report:

- Most staff are still working from home full-time, though a few are in the office a couple days a week or sometimes more when needed.
- Derecho recovery efforts are ongoing for consumers.
- Falls Prevention Awareness Week was at the end of September. Heritage shared information and resources online, on the news and in some food distributions. Members are encouraged to check out these resources or contact Harrison for print-offs if they do not have internet access.
- Harrison is starting to look ahead to November, which is Family Caregiver Month.
- The next Caregiver Wellness Series event is Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m.

Shirley said she received the Older Americans Act ranking form sent by Heritage AAA. This form was sent to all Task Force members. Evans noted his concerns that COVID and Meals on Wheels were not listed among the services offered. Harrison clarified that:

- COVID is not on the form because the form only contains services outlined by the Older Americans Act. COVID response will continue. Members are encouraged to include that in the free response portion if they wish.
- Meals on Wheels is part of "Home-Delivered Meals," which is included on the form. Home-Delivered Meals is a broader term used to describe all such programs, kind of like how 'facial tissue' describes a product and 'Kleenex' is one such brand.

Shirley added regarding Home-Delivered Meals there are two key hurdles: transportation of the food and funding to reach rural consumers. Harrison asked Shirley to keep those thoughts in mind for next month when Heritage's Eugenia Kendall joins to lead a discussion about the next Area Plan.



Task Force Officers Update

With the resignation of Darlene Elgin as Task Force Chair, a new Chair needs to be elected. Shirley nominated Shari, current Vice-Chair, to serve as Chair. Evans seconded this motion. Shirley asked if Evans would accept a nomination to serve as Vice-Chair. Evans said yes, so Shirley motioned for Evans to serve as Vice-Chair. Deb Helmold seconded this motion.

Shari asked for any other nominations for Task Force Chair or Vice-Chair. There being none, she asked for all in favor to vote. The motion passed unanimously. Shari is now Chair and Evans is Vice-Chair.

FY2020 Service Data

Harrison reviewed the service data he shared at the previous meeting: the data shows Heritage's units of service reported for Fiscal Year 2020 in Cedar County and across the region. He's sharing the numbers to show members some of the results of their work and to hopefully spark some thinking and ideas about potential future outreach.

Evans recalled seeing some numbers that are on the lower end and asked if there may be explanations for these. A few possible explanations were noted by Harrison and Barbara: availability of the service, how COVID affected the service, and lack of awareness among the communities. The last reason is one Harrison wants to focus on, though the others may persist for a while still.

Shari asked if FY2019 data revealed any trends about the FY2020 data. Evans said in his memory from the years of volunteering, service counts in Cedar County are trending upward.

Evans asked about recent changes to the standards for nutrition services for older adults and any effects those had. Barbara said the biggest change Heritage saw was relaxing the eligibility guidelines for Home-Delivered Meals. Previously participants had to meet criteria about their inability to attend in-person congregate dining, but COVID has changed this to allow Home-Delivered for anyone who is simply not comfortable attending an in-person meal pickup. Evans noted long-time discussions about boosting participation in nutrition programs, but of course the pandemic is not the most ideal way of doing so. He hopes new participants will stick around after COVID. Fay Wulf said she has been delivering more meals than previously to seniors in Durant, which those participants really appreciate.

Shirley added that recent trends in nutrition programs also concern 'choice menus' where diners can choose from certain options. Karen LaFrenz said at this time Tipton has to follow provided menus based on federal and state standards defining a 'meal' for the programs. Harrison encouraged those interested in choice menus to consider that for their Older Americans Act ranking forms.

Open Agenda

Shirley attended a transportation meeting for Cedar County and received flyers to post around town to help recruit drivers for medical appointments. Mileage payment is offered to drivers. Dionne Daedlow asked for the flyer to share with her contacts and Shirley provided a contact person for her.

Evans saw in the paper that there may be a need for Home-Delivered Meals drivers and asked if Karen could elaborate on the need. Karen said she lost multiple drivers at the onset of the pandemic. That newspaper story has been very helpful: she's back to having all but one day covered and still has one potential volunteer to call back.



Harrison said Eugenia from Heritage will be joining the group in November to talk in more detail about the Area Plan. She will lead a discussion among the Task Force, providers and others to gather their input for the plan.

Shari is hosting a drive-thru trick-or-treat at Prairie Hills on Halloween. It will be only her and the drive-thru style will minimize contact. Members and families can come to the event during Tipton's trick-or-treat hours.

Adjournment

Next meeting is November 2, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom/conference call.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

Submitted By

Harrison March

October 6, 2020



Heritage
Area Agency on Aging
Cedar County Task Force
November 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Shari Slaton, Shirley Geadelmann, Donna Luepker

Guests: Steve Agne (Cedar County Board of Supervisors, Heritage AAA Board of Directors)

Staff: Harrison March, Barbara Werning, Eugenia Kendall, Jill Sindt

Excused: Evans Waller, Deb Helmold

Meeting called to order at 12:32 p.m.

Task Force Chair Shari Slaton welcomed members and introduced herself to staff and guests. Harrison March shared attendance for the meeting for those on the phone.

Review of Meeting Minutes

A quorum was not present, so review of October 2020 meeting minutes was tabled for next meeting.

Area Plan on Aging Discussion

Barbara Werning provided an overview of Heritage AAA and the mission of Area Agencies of Aging to provide background for the discussion. Eugenia Kendall provided an overview of the Area Plan, including its purpose, development and the distinctions between mandatory/optional services and direct/funded services.

Eugenia shared data gathered from the Service Needs Ranking Form, which was shared with Task Force members and others throughout the Heritage AAA region last month. There were 12 respondents from Cedar County at the time data was compiled, though members are welcome to submit their form if they have not yet done so.

Discussions covered:

- Shirley Geadelmann sees many people a generation below her, now in their 40s or 50s, who are interested in learning about caregiving, which may be why caregiver services ranked highly. These people want to learn how to be a good caregiver for their parents and/or older relatives.
- Shari sees the top results as consistent with the needs/questions of her residents and fellow community members.
- Steve Agne thinks there is likely a correlation between some of these results, namely home-delivered meals ranking first, and the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Transportation and Assisted Transportation both ranked highly. Barbara asked why attendees think this might be such an important service for the county. Shirley said she thinks right now it's mainly for medical reasons such as doctor's appointments, but during non-pandemic times would apply more broadly to social events as well.
- The smaller populations and rural makeup of the county also have an effect. Examples included:
 - o Shirley noted that elder abuse assessment and intervention is a very sensitive topic, especially when the abuser is a family member or caregiver. It's important to be careful when reporting potential abuse so the situation isn't unintentionally worsened.
 - o Shari said transportation is also an important service because there aren't public transit options or taxis available. There is also a limited pool of restaurants that offer delivery.



- Shirley recommended working with the county's Emergency Management Agency to promote services. They have a newsletter that reaches many consumers, which helps avoid the concerns about COVID-19 community spread when distributing flyers or posters around town. Steve also suggested a publication of resources put out by the extension office.

Eugenia and Barbara thanked attendees for their time and input and offered contact information in case anyone has thoughts to follow up on outside the meeting. Contact info and the presentation used will be emailed/mailed to attendees in the coming days.

Heritage AAA & Community Updates

Harrison reported no changes to operations at Heritage AAA since the last meeting. As winter approaches, a couple issues are top-of-mind for Harrison and some others at the agency:

- Derecho recovery/home repair for consumers. Homes that may have been OK to live in during late-summer and fall could soon be dangerous with winter weather. Please contact Heritage AAA with questions about finding derecho recovery resources.
- Winter brings about social isolation concerns any year, but especially amid a pandemic. Heritage AAA is considering ways to promote social connection and staying engaged in the coming months.

Open Agenda

Shirley will talk to Task Force member Evans Waller about the status of the food drive that's typically held around the holidays. She is unsure if that will happen this year due to the pandemic.

Adjournment

Next meeting is February 1, 2021, at 12:30 p.m. Harrison noted that just because a meeting isn't scheduled until then doesn't mean members can't connect with him and each other. Please reach out to Harrison with any ideas, questions, etc. about Heritage AAA in the meantime.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m.

Submitted By

Harrison March
November 2, 2020



Heritage
Area Agency on Aging
Cedar County Task Force
Feb 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Shari Slaton, Shirley Geadelmann, Karen LaFrenz, Evans Waller, Deb Helmold, Dionne Daedlow

Guests: Kiersten Onanga & Sarah Martinez (Access2Independence)

Staff: Harrison March

Meeting called to order at 12:33 p.m.

Task Force Chair Shari Slaton welcomed members and guests introduced themselves.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Shirley Geadelmann motioned to approve the minutes from previous meetings as presented, Evans Waller second. Motion passed unanimously.

Heritage & Community Updates

Harrison March shared a few updates:

- Noted his error on the meeting agenda: the next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2021 at 12:30 pm, not Feb. 1 (today).
- No operational changes for Heritage AAA at this time
- Cedar County Public Health's most recent posted announcement stated they are moving to Phase 1b of vaccine distribution as of today. He has not seen details yet regarding clinics, but will pass it along as it's shared by CCPH.

Evans noted his concern about elderly people who do not have internet, receive the newspaper, etc. being unaware of vaccine availability. The county only receives about 100 doses a week at this time. He asked Karen LaFrenz if meal delivery volunteers have been sharing updates with consumers, but Karen said Senior Dining has not been included in any vaccine updates so far. Harrison will ask Heritage management about reaching out to the Board of Supervisors representative about this.

Shirley reported on the recent Advisory Council meeting:

- AAAs are advocating for volunteers (like meal delivery) to be considered for vaccine priority due to the services they provide directly to older adults
- Even within the Heritage region, vaccine distribution varies greatly by county
- Heritage's Area Plan is continuing to be drafted, now focusing on gathering data to support the narrative portion and funding requests. Shari added that Eugenia Kendall (Heritage staff) did a good job presenting on the Area Plan and recent service data influencing this process.

Transitions Program

Kiersten Onanga presented on her new transitions program at A2I, helping people living in care facilities transition back into their home setting. Information included:

- Comparing the Medical Model and Social Model philosophies for assessing a person and their living environment
- Some ways people come to live in long-term care but later are ready to move out
- The funding process for resources and services upon exiting long-term care
- Services A2I provides that help with the transition



- Qualifications for A2I services

Evans asked how the pandemic has impacted consumers' and potential consumers' isolation and ability to transition into the home setting. Kiersten said it's made it tough, but A2I is working with consumers via phone and with staff social workers. Sarah Martinez added that they're also working to connect consumers with community and virtual events.

Task Force Areas of Focus

Harrison asked what topics and/or speakers members would like to hear about in the coming months' meetings. He hopes to keep the meetings interesting and engaging as they carry on virtually.

Shirley suggested checking back to the fall's meeting minutes, which Evans added were concerning transportation. Harrison will contact Lynda Hansen about speaking at an upcoming meeting.

Other ideas can be sent to Harrison at any time.

Open Agenda

Evans asked about how needs are identified for nutrition services. Harrison said it's a combination of pieces to reach consumers: demographic research/estimations, recent service delivery in the area, marketing and outreach. We may learn a lot more in the post-pandemic climate when people are eager to return to social settings as well.

Adjournment

Shirley motioned to adjourn the meeting, Evans second. Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Next meeting is March 1, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted By

Harrison March
February 1, 2021



Heritage
Area Agency on Aging
Cedar County Task Force
March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Shari Slaton, Shirley Geadelmann, Karen LaFrenz, Deb Helmold, Donna Luepker, Evans Waller

Staff: Harrison March

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Shirley Geadelmann motioned to approve the minutes from previous meetings as presented, Deb Helmold second. Motion passed unanimously.

Heritage & Community Updates

Harrison March shared a few updates:

- No operational changes for the agency
- Heritage has posted a job opening for a Data Project Specialist position. Details and application instructions can be found online. Contact Harrison if you'd like a hard copy of the job information.
- Lots of focus last month on helping seniors find local vaccine providers and transportation services for appointments.
- The 2-1-1 vaccine assistance is scheduled to be available next week, but Harrison hasn't seen an official launch date. This service will help seniors who cannot navigate online appointment registrations do so via phone.

Transportation Update

Lynda Hansen is unable to join the meeting since she's providing transportation with the Riverbend van at this time. She provided Harrison with these updates to share:

- Still doing transports to/from medical appointments, assisting with getting folks to/from shopping needs (groceries, medication pickup, banking, etc.).
- Rider count is down somewhat due to COVID, and there is also another person doing the same service here in Tipton which she feels may be taking away from Volunteer Services Organizations transports bringing our numbers down.
- This past couple of weeks have been transporting clients for their COVID vaccines.
- They continue to serve our Cedar County Community, and ask that clients mask up when in the drivers' cars. Drivers will also be masked for protection.

Shari added that she and her coworkers appreciate Lynda's services and all the work done to assist residents at Prairie Hills.

Open Agenda

Shirley thanked Heritage for helping spread information about vaccine options to older adults and consumers.

Harrison followed up with Karen LaFrenz about last month's conversation surrounding senior dining helping older adults connect with vaccine providers. Jill Sindt (Heritage AAA) asked public health to connect with Karen, but there was no response. Harrison offered to try reaching out again and Shari suggested contacting Jaime Walker at CCPH when doing so.

Shirley noted her optimism that approval of a third vaccine option will help Cedar County continue vaccination efforts.



Adjournment

Shirley motioned to adjourn the meeting, Donna Luepker second. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next meeting is April 5, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted By

Harrison March

March 2, 2021


Area Agency on Aging
Cedar County Task Force
April 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Shari Slaton, Deb Helmold, Donna Luepker

Staff: Harrison March

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Review of Meeting Minutes

No changes were suggested. Approval was tabled for the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Heritage & Community Updates

Harrison March shared Heritage updates:

- Heritage has two jobs posted: Data Project Specialist and Fiscal Director. Applications are being accepted for both positions as of today. Information can be found via the Heritage website or by calling/emailing Harrison.
- Tim Getty (Heritage's Nutrition Coordinator) provided updates for Harrison to share:
 - o There are ongoing conversations about how dining sites will be reopened, safety precautions, etc.
 - o Participants will receive a survey at some point regarding their comfort with returning to in-person dining.
 - o In-person services will also need to be economically feasible for the site. For example, if only a couple people want to return, that makes it challenging for the site to reopen financially. Conversely, higher participation would make it easier.
 - o A date or timeline have not been determined.

Shari reported that Cedar County Public Health has relocated vaccine clinics to the Heartland Sports Complex. CCPH continues helping seniors register for appointments if needed.

Outreach for Post-Pandemic

Harrison asked about ideas for outreach when it's again safe to do so: what kinds of outreach, where to get information, groups to contact, etc. Input included:

- Shari Slaton: Shirley Geadelmann plans to host a booth at the Cedar County Fair this summer. Shari also attends the Cedar County Consortium, which is more family based but still may be a good opportunity. Dionne Daedlow is the contact for this group. Lowden City Hall may be another opportunity to post information.
- Deb Helmold: Lowden Lions Club may be meeting during COVID and the post office usually allows information to be posted.
- Donna Luepker: Sweet P's restaurant has limited hours but people still stop in regularly. Libraries in Lowden and Clarence also have areas to post information but may have limited services and hours right now.

As return to in-person events gets closer, Harrison will compile a list of these recommendations to plan to distributing information. More ideas are always welcome.

Open Agenda

No items presented.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. Next meeting is May 3, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.



Submitted By
Harrison March
April 5, 2021



May 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Shari Slaton, Deb Helmold, Donna Luepker, Shirley Geadelmann

Guests: Jamie Walker & Bonnie Butler (Cedar County Public Health)

Staff: Harrison March

Meeting called to order at 12:32 p.m.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Review of meeting minutes tabled until later in the meeting.

Cedar County Public Health – Guest Speakers

Jamie Walker and Bonnie Butler joined the meeting to share updates on the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine distribution and potential action items for members who want to continue promoting vaccinations in their community. Updates included:

- Cedar County was one of Iowa's first to start vaccinating in late December. As of next week, it's estimated more than 40% of residents will be fully vaccinated.
- Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available through CCPH.
- Senior Dining in Tipton was very helpful in reaching homebound seniors and older adults in general. Tipton Ambulance is helping get vaccines to the homebound population.
 - o Call 563-886-2226 to arrange an in-home vaccine for yourself or a homebound community member you know.
- CCPH is providing all in-home care services with patient screenings beforehand and appropriate PPE based on the situation. Services that require close proximity to the resident require more PPE, for example.
 - o Since continuing these services, no major issues with positivity rates among staff or patients – very happy with the effectiveness of PPE.

Shirley Geadelmann praised CCPH for its work in vaccine rollout and promoting safety measures during the pandemic, such as mask wearing.

Jamie mentioned CCPH will be starting its Community Health Assessment this summer and will host some focus groups to determine Cedar County's status and needs on a variety of topics related to public health. These will inform the Community Health Plan that guides the department for the next several years. All Task Force members are welcome to participate and Jamie will send information as it becomes available.

Task Force Chair Shari Slaton thanked Jamie and Bonnie for their time and for sharing updates with the group.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Deb Helmold motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Donna Luepker second.

Heritage & Community Updates

Harrison March shared Heritage AAA updates:

- A flexible return-to-openness timeline for Heritage is in place. It is subject to change based on pandemic trends and will always include recommended safety measures:
 - o June: in-home visits for some consumers who are comfortable and need it most
 - o July: partially open office and increased in-person services
 - o August: office reopened, in-person services resumed



- Heritage AAA is hiring for a few positions that range from operations to Care Team roles. Visit the website or contact Harrison for details.

Outreach for Post-Pandemic

Shirley plans on hosting a table at the county fair with a display board theme "Share Your Love: Volunteer." Shari told Shirley this is a great idea for promoting opportunities across the county. Shirley hopes to include info for the Task Force, transportation and the senior center. She hopes to bring some old photos along as well to spur conversation about past volunteers and family connections.

Open Agenda

Harrison noted that Shari and Shirley can both remain on Advisory Council next Fiscal Year, as they have not reached the three-consecutive-term limit. Both indicated they plan to remain at this time.

If anyone has speaker ideas for the meetings, let Harrison know so he can try to arrange it.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. Next meeting is June 7, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted By

Harrison March

May 4, 2021



June 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Lynda Hansen, Evans Waller, Shirley Geadelmann, Donna Leupker, Deb Helmold, Shari Slaton, Karen LaFrenz

Staff: Harrison March

Before the meeting began, Evans Waller asked Harrison March if there are Heritage AAA shirts available for volunteers to wear when distributing agency information at the Cedar County Fair. Shirley Geadelmann suggested pins as well. Harrison doesn't have any currently, but will look into getting some.

Karen LaFrenz was unable to stay for the meeting, but wanted to report that Tipton will reopen for congregate dining on July 1, 2021.

Meeting called to order at 12:35 p.m.

Review of Meeting Minutes (May 2021)

Shirley motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Deb Helmold second. Motion passed.

Heritage & Community Updates

Harrison March shared Heritage AAA updates:

- Three positions have been filled at Heritage: Fiscal Director, Data Project Specialist and Options Counselor. All three new hires are expected to start this month.
- Like with the reopening of Tipton, Heritage is continuing with plans to reopen in-person services and eventually the Heritage offices as well. More updates to come as they're available.

FY22 Task Force Officer Elections

Harrison reviewed last month's information regarding elections: Chair Shari Slaton, Vice-Chair Evans Waller and Secretary Fay Wulf are all eligible to return. Shari Slaton opened the floor to nominations and motions.

Deb motioned to reelect all three officers for another term. Shirley and Lynda Hansen both said they would support this. Motion passed unanimously.

FY22 Advisory Council Elections

Like with Officers, Shari and Shirley are both eligible to return as Advisory Council Representatives. Shari opened the floor to nominations and motions.

Evans motioned to re-elect Shari and Shirley. Donna Luepker second. Motion passed unanimously.

FY22 Meeting Schedule and Plans

Members agreed to maintain the FY21 meeting time of 12:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month. Shari asked if the off-months of July, December and January would repeat as well. All present agreed to repeat this schedule. Harrison will send out a calendar with all FY22 meeting dates and times to members.

Evans asked if call-in will remain an option for meetings when they are in-person again. Harrison said yes, though there may be some wrinkles to iron out as that gets going.

Open Agenda

Evans asked if the Task Force will help lead Fill the Plate again this winter. In past years, members worked with Family Foods to organize a fundraiser supporting Tipton Senior Dining.



Last year's event changed to a rounding-up style fundraiser to reduce the number of volunteers needed in-store during the pandemic. Evans will get in touch with Karen about getting this started again and how to best approach Family Foods with the possibility.

Shari requested that Harrison include discussion of this fundraiser on the August 2021 meeting agenda.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1 p.m. Next meeting is August 2, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.

Harrison will follow up with members when he knows if the meeting can be held in-person.

Submitted By

Harrison March

June 7, 2021